

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

BENITA LOUISE SMITH,

Defendant.

No.

21 cv 91-NDF
18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2)
(False Statement)

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DISTRICT OF WYOMING
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INDICTMENT


THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

On or about October 26, 2020, in the District of Wyoming, the Defendant, **BENITA LOUISE SMITH**, did knowingly make a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and representation in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the Government of the United States, that is, by stating and representing to Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Christine Coble that BIA Officer Derek Wichita had sexually assaulted her after he took her into custody, when the Defendant then and there knew, Officer Derek Wichita had not sexually assaulted her.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2).

A TRUE BILL:

Ink Signature on File in Clerk's Office
FOREPERSON



L. ROBERT MURRAY
Acting United States Attorney

PENALTY SUMMARY

DEFENDANT NAME: BENITA LOUISE SMITH

DATE: July 20, 2021

INTERPRETER NEEDED: No

VICTIM(S): Yes

OFFENSE/PENALTIES: 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2)
(False Statement)

0-8 Years Imprisonment
Up To \$250,000 Fine
3 Years Supervised Release
\$100 Special Assessment

AGENT: SA Kyle Michieli/FBI

AUSA: Michael J. Elmore, Assistant United States Attorney

ESTIMATED TIME OF TRIAL: 1 to 5 days

WILL THE GOVERNMENT SEEK DETENTION IN THIS CASE: Yes

ARE THERE DETAINERS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS: No